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March 20, 2024

Matthew Williams  
Landfill Resource Recovery Manager  
Smiths Creek Landfill  
6779 Smiths Creek Road  
Kimball, Michigan 48074-3506

SRN: N6207, St. Clair County

Dear Matthew Williams:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On March 14, 2024, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an odor inspection in the vicinity of Smiths Creek Landfill (SCL) located at 6779 Smiths Creek Road, Smiths Creek (Kimball), Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to collect air sampling data and investigate numerous complaints we received regarding foul landfill gas odors attributed to SCL's landfill operations.

During the inspection on March 14, 2024, staff observed the following:

<b>Process Description</b>	<b>Rule/Permit Condition Violated</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Smiths Creek Landfill	Michigan Admin. Code Rule 336. 1901	AQD staff verified landfill gas (including hydrogen sulfide H <sub>2</sub> S, organic sulfur bearing compounds R-SH) odors. In the professional judgment of AQD staff, the odors that were observed were of sufficient intensity, frequency and duration so as to constitute a violation of Rule 901 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451.

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On March 14, 2024, AQD staff detected distinct and definite landfill gas odors continuously for one hour on Richman Road, downwind of SCL. The ambient temperature was 47 degrees Fahrenheit with 8 mile per hour winds coming from the east-northeast.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by **April 10, 2024** (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the dates the violation occurred; an explanation of the causes and duration of the violation; whether the violation is ongoing; a summary of the actions that have been taken and are proposed to be taken to correct the violation and the dates by which these actions will take place; and what steps are being taken to prevent a reoccurrence.

Please submit the written response to Marie Reid and Iranna Konanahalli at EGLE, AQD, Warren District, at 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092 or [Reidm5@michigan.gov](mailto:Reidm5@michigan.gov) and [Konanahallii@michigan.gov](mailto:Konanahallii@michigan.gov) and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If SCL believes the above observations or statements are inaccurate or do not constitute violations of the applicable legal requirements cited, please provide appropriate factual information to explain your position.

Thank you for your attention to resolving the violation cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of SCL. If you have any questions regarding the violation or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Quality Analyst  
Air Quality Division  
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